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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/940,101
Filing Date	AUGUST 27, 2001
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Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	BELYAVSKIY, MICHAEL A.
Attorney Docket Number	39766-0072 A2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 20000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
 - ☐ Previously submitted
 - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
 - ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply (Preliminary Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (24 pages)
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (3 References)
 - ☒ Other Postcard.
- Miscellaneous
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other
- Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees of \$910.00, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39766-0072 A2)
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)
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